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REMARKS

The Examiner is again thanked for the allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract. Such objection is deemed to have been overcome with the amendments made hereinabove.

The Examiner has further rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levy (US 5,923,892) of record in the parent application, in view of Marsh (US 5,621,434) of record in the parent application. Such rejection is deemed to be overcome by the amendments made hereinabove.

Specifically, the Examiner has allowed Claims 20-37. Moreover, the Examiner has objected to Claims 3, 5, 6, 9-14, and 17-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and upon submission of affidavits and declarations submitted in the parent application.

In response, applicant has canceled the rejected claims (or amended them to depend on allowable claims), amended the foregoing allowable claims in the manner recommended by the Examiner, and submits herewith the affidavits and declarations provided in the parent application.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NVIDP316B).

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Respectfully submitted,

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